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Subject:                Observation of Update/Enumerate in the Utah South Local Census  
                                 Office April 24-26, 2000

## I. INTRODUCTION

On April 24-26, I observed Update/Enumerate (U/E) in the Utah South Local Census Office (LCO). I observed two different enumerators conducting U/E in two different locations.

## II SPECIFIC OBSERVATION

On April 24, I spent the day meeting the LCO staff and planning my observations for the rest of the week. I met with the LCO manager to discussed the area that the LCO covered and some of the challenges that they faced. The LCO covers the lower two thirds of the state of Utah. This area ranges from cities to very rural areas, so the Utah South LCO uses all enumeration methods, which makes for a very busy office.

On April 25, I observed U/E in Fruitland, Utah. Fruitland consists of the highway and dirt roads off of the highway. Most of the roads were only passable in a 4x4 truck. A lot of the Housing Units (HUs) in the area are vacation homes. There were also many mobile home and trailers. The majority of people in the area were farmers and ranchers. I observed four interviews. The enumerator updated the maps with other possible HUs and verified whether they were occupied on Census Day or not. The people we talked with were very friendly and very cooperative. The maps for the Assignment Areas (AAs)

in Fruitland were fairly accurate, meaning roads were where the map showed them to be. On April 26, I observed U/E in Roosevelt, Utah on the Ute reservation. I was not able to talk to the Field Operation Supervisor (FOS) in the area to set up my observation. Someone in the LCO told the FOS that I wanted to observe in a remote area. I was assigned to observe in a very remote area that turned out to contain no HUs. The Native American enumerator I was with had a truck and was part of the Ute tribe. She was assigned certain AAs because they were only accessible by truck and because off road travel was restricted to Ute tribal members. The remote AAs need to be visited to verify that there is no one living in the area. Our enumeration activities confirmed there were no HUs. The map of the AA we were in was not very good. We could not find one of the roads that was on the map.

The remainder of my time was spent observing Nonresponse Followup enumerator training. A separate report covers this observation. Please refer to the DSSD Census 2000 Procedures and Operations Memorandum #BB-8 for this report.

### **III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Utah South LCO was closing out each operation early in site of the challenges that they face. The U/E enumerators were doing a good job.

This LCO also has areas that are both urban and rural. When I spoke with the Assistant Manger for Field Operations about this, she said she felt that the training only covered situations that would be encountered in an urban area. She suggested that training should be applicable to every area and cover situations that happen in a rural setting.

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